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One Dollar and a Half a Year.

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt, Nov. 30.—Union Lodge, No. 247, A. F. M., at a regular meeting last evening elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic year:

J. C. Kinard—W. M.
J. B. Ramsey—S. W.
A. F. Henderson—J. W.
W. L. Warren—Treasurer.
C. R. Clayton—Secretary.
E. P. Copeland—S. D.
W. H. Mitchum—J. D.
E. F. Lyons and W. C. Hughes—Stewards.

H. L. Brown—Tiler.
The delegates to the grand lodge were instructed to vote in favor of the physical amendment to the grand constitution.

C. R. CLAYTON.

WOMAN WALKS 8,000 MILES.

Slept Under a Roof But Twenty-One Nights in a Year.

A walk of 8,000 miles was finished by Mrs. Stella Woolf, said to be the champion woman long distance walker of the world, and her husband, Dwight H. Woolf, when they arrived at their home in Kansas City, Kan., on Saturday. The trip started at San Antonio, Tex., more than 13 months ago. The pair went first to Atlanta and then to New York, where they turned their steps toward home. Previously they made two other walking tours and have covered a total of 10,000 miles on foot.

"When you get into a rut, walk out," said Woolf, as he explained that he took up walking in order to get the out-door life which his physician two years ago said he must have. At that time Woolf was a music dealer. His health was poor, and the doctor told him he would have to get in the open or die.

"Let's walk," suggested his wife, "for I'm going along." With them went the family pets, a faithful pony, which has drawn a cart carrying their baggage on the long marches, and a dog.

The Woolfs have eaten and slept in the open. Since leaving San Antonio they spent only 21 nights out of 411 with a roof over their heads.

Finds Pearls in Oysters.

New York, Dec. 11.—"Oysters on the half shell," a well dressed man said to the waiter in a Greek restaurant in Huguenot street, New Rochelle last evening. "Make 'em fresh and big," he added as the waiter started for the order.

The man swallowed several oysters and then stopping took something from his mouth and examined it critically. Then he made a second exploration of his mouth. He was so interested in the other oysters that he examined them carefully with a toothpick. Five times he was seen to reach for his pocket after examining an oyster.

"More oysters," said the man. Again the oysters were brought and again there was a critical examination of every bivalve before it was eaten. Many times the man was seen to tuck something into his pocket.

"More oysters," the man ordered. He seemed excited. A third helping was brought him and again he dug into the inmost recesses of the shells and made more pocket deposits.

"Give me more oysters," the man said to the waiter.

By this time the waiter was getting suspicious. He answered:

"No more in the house."
The man then removed twenty-eight pearls from his pocket. Some were small; a few were the size of a pea.

"I'll give you \$500 for 'em," Edward Carson, a New Rochelle jeweler, said.

"Not for sale," answered the man, who said he was M. C. Berlefech, of New Haven, Conn. "I wonder how many pearls I ate in those first few cysters. It would be just my luck to have missed several."

Legare Asks for \$200,000.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Representative Geo. S. Legare, of the 1st South Carolina district, to-day introduced a bill appropriating \$200,000 for an addition to the postoffice and federal court building at Charleston, on the grounds that the present structure is overcrowded and insufficient for the needs of the business transacted.

JOE BROWN AGAIN GOVERNOR.

Former Georgia Executive Sweeps State Over Two Opponents.

Atlanta, Dec. 7.—Unofficial returns from all the 146 counties of the State show that Ex-Governor J. M. Brown swept the State in the gubernatorial primary to-day. The counties are apportioned as follows: J. M. Brown 84; Pope Brown 40, and Judge Russell 20. The remaining two counties, Macon and Charlton, were tied between Pope Brown and Russell. The 84 counties give Ex-Governor Brown 200 of the 368 electoral votes, 160 being necessary to an election.

Local option, as a political issue in Georgia, received another setback, in the defeat of Judge Russell, the local option candidate.

Local option made its strongest showing in Chatham and Richmond counties, containing the cities of Savannah and Augusta, respectively, and both of which were carried by Russell. Pope Brown carried Fulton county (Atlanta,) and Bibb county, (Macon, and Muscogee county (Columbus) went to Joe Brown.

In the race for commissioner of commerce and labor, unofficial figures indicate the election of H. M. Stanley, of Dublin, over Joseph McCarthy, of Savannah.

Ex-Governor Brown received the election returns at his home at Marietta, Ga., to-night, and when his election was assured dictated the following:

"I am not surprised at the result, but I confess I did not expect the victory to be so sweeping. I accept the verdict as a command from the people of Georgia that factionalism must cease and that the people of the State must unite on the everlasting principle of protection of their sovereignty. I shall obey this mandate, as I will every other one received from the sovereign people."

United States Senator Hoke Smith returned to Atlanta from Washington to-day to cast his vote for Pope Brown for governor. Senator Smith will return to his senatorial duties next Monday.

All Ginning Records Smashed.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina have ginned thus far this year more cotton than ever before was grown within their borders.

Every cotton growing State except Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Tennessee already have ginned more cotton than was grown in the States last year or the year before, according to the census bureau cotton report issued to-day showing the ginning prior to December 1.

To that date there had been ginned in the United States a total of 12,814,832 bales, exceeding the total season's ginning of every year except 1904, 1906 and 1908, and coming with 637,000 bales of the total ginned in 1904, the record year.

During the period between November 14 and December 1 an average of 107,256 bales of cotton was ginned on every working day.

The census bureau's sixth cotton ginning report of the season, issued at 10 a. m. to-day and showing the number of running bales, counting round as half bales, of cotton of the growth of 1911, ginned prior to December 1, with comparative statistics to the corresponding date for the past three years, is as follows:

United States: 12,814,832 bales, compared with 10,139,712 bales last year, when 87.7 per cent. of the entire crop was ginned prior to December 1, 8,876,886 bales in 1909, when 81.1 per cent. was ginned, and 11,008,661 bales in 1908, when 84.1 per cent. was ginned.

The number of round bales included were 87,567, compared with 101,718 bales last year, 134,393 bales in 1909, and 201,480 bales in 1908.

The number of bales of sea island cotton included were 87,457, compared with 66,696 bales last year, 77,591 bales in 1909, and 68,396 bales in 1908.

Breed Would be Popular.

That was an amusing story told by Sir Wilfred Lawson, at a luncheon in Cumberland. It was as follows:

"There was once a mayor of an ancient borough who was a staunch tea-totaller, and well known to be so. He attended the festivities promoted by a neighboring borough, and somebody who knew the mayor well put a glass of milk punch close to his plate. The mayor saw the glass; he could not resist it; he took it down, quaffed it off, and set it down, saying: 'Lord, what a cow!'"—London Times.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

The State Baptist convention, which met in Greenwood last week, decided to meet in Abbeville next year.

Steps are being taken for building a sanitarium for tuberculosis patients in the sandhills of Richland county, near Columbia.

Under a State law, non-residents must pay a license fee of \$10.25 before they can hunt in this State. Violators are subject to a fine of \$25.00.

Fire destroyed 2,000 tons of meal, 2,000 tons of cotton seed and 100 bales of lint at the Swift oil mill in Columbia Tuesday night, causing a loss of many thousands of dollars.

D. A. Pendarvis, white, who was sentenced at St. Matthews to serve three months on the chain gang or in the State penitentiary, elected to go to the pen. He was convicted of giving checks when he had no money in bank to pay them.

Two young white men, Wright Fuller and Jim Hill, of the Laurens mill village, impersonating rural policemen, held up a negro in the big road a few days ago and took five dollars from him. Fuller has been released on bail; Hill is in jail.

INVADED BY SNAKES.

Reptiles Play with Baby, and Drive Family From Home.

Theodore Herman, a prosperous wheat rancher living 2 miles north of Beloit, has been driven from his home by a colony of blacksnakes that have taken possession. The family is living with Mrs. Herman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Graves, until some method of ridding the house of the pests is found.

Mrs. Herman placed her baby in a gocart while she attended to the household work. She heard the baby cooing and prattling. Thinking that some of the neighbors had called and were amusing it, the mother stepped into the room, to see two big blacksnakes drinking milk from a bowl in the baby's lap.

Four more snakes were hanging over a door. Mrs. Herman grabbed the baby and started for the open. She reached in a box to get her bonnet, but clasped her fingers around another snake. She ran to a neighbor's home. When Mr. Herman returned home at night, his wife told him of the snakes. He reached for a club laying near the house, with which he was going to route the reptiles. The stick coiled around his arm. During the three days that the snakes have had possession of the house they have eaten all the meat and vegetables in the pantry.—Kansas City Journal.

Bad Fire Near Wedgefield.

Sumter, Dec. 11.—In a fire starting about 11 o'clock last night, J. H. Aycock & Sons, of Wedgefield, lost the barn and stables on their "Tiverton" plantation, two miles south of Wedgefield. All of the contents, comprising between 3,000 and 4,000 bushels of corn and eleven head of stock, were lost in the fire. The damage was estimated to-day at somewhere between \$10,000 and \$15,000, with only a small amount of insurance.

The fire originated in the loft of the barn, from some unknown cause. The building was an old one, made of the best material and probably cannot be replaced at any price. This is the second time in a few years that Aycock & Sons have lost their barn and stables.

CHILD FINDS FATHER'S BODY.

Note and Poison Bottle Explain Death of Suicide.

Bowman, Ga., Dec. 10.—"My time is come. It is me, and nobody else is to blame. Don't accuse my wife or anything." This note was found on the body of J. M. Jordan, which was found by his little son in a pasture near his home this afternoon. Two bottles in the pockets, one of which had contained whiskey and the other a poison, believed to have been arsenic, indicated the manner of committing suicide.

Jordan had gone to the pasture, presumably to hunt for a cow, and when he remained an unusual length of time his wife sent the child to search for the father.

PREACHER TAKES POISON.

Father Identifies Body, Solving Man's Mysterious Disappearance.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 7.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of a well known young Presbyterian clergyman, after he had abandoned church work at Myra, a small town near Gainesville, Texas, last summer, was solved in part to-day, when advices were received from the Rev. N. R. Baker, of Valley View, Texas, confirming the identity of an insurance agent who yesterday killed himself in a hotel at Kingfisher, Okla., as his son, the Rev. Harvey Baker. He was known at Kingfisher as Harvey E. Davis.

Young Baker was 26 years of age, a graduate of the University of Texas, and he had been a Presbyterian clergyman for three years. His disappearance while pastor of the Myra Presbyterian church created a sensation last year.

Yesterday in the lobby of a hotel at Kingfisher, without previous hint, he drank carbolio acid and protested against efforts made to save his life. His identity was suspected later and confirmed to-day.

SCORES BURIED.

Over One Hundred Men Shut Up in Mine by Terrific Explosion.

A dispatch from Briceville, Tenn., says between 126 and 156 men, living or dead, is the probable number of men entombed here Saturday night in the Great Cross Mountain Coal Mine of the Knoxville Iron Company, as a result of Saturday's explosion, according to the count made Saturday night by an official of the United States Mine Workers of America. They had entered to begin the day's work when a terrible explosion wrecked the workings.

Three only had come out alive. They had entered the lateral off the main shaft and succeeded in getting into the open before the flames and smoke caught them. The body of Lee Holston, operator of the mine's fan plant, was found buried and mangled under the cave-in in the main shaft.

Rescue workers are making scarcely any headway. The government's rescue car and force is at hand, as are many rescuers and engineers from all over the district. The wives and children of the entombed men are frantic with grief.

The shafts extend more than two miles into the bowels of the mountain. According to President T. L. Stephenson, of the Iron Company, the men, if they had reached their posts, were in lateral shafts when the explosion, which blocked the main shafts, occurred. This encourages those on the surface to hope that many may be living.

Late Saturday afternoon there was little prospect of an early rescue. Workers have encountered dense compact deposits of slate, earth, rock and coal in the main shaft of the mine and also in an abandoned entry which has been used for an air shaft.

About the mouth of a vertical ventilator, leading to the top of the mountain, fires have been built to create a circulation of air from within the mine, if possible. Rescuers are engaged in digging the debris from the shafts and this must be removed about one mile to the mouth of the mine.

It is not yet possible to determine whether this blockading of the entry is shallow, or whether it extends hundreds of feet, or a mile or more. Wood posts and trusses in the shaft have been blown outward and this miners state, is indicative of a serious explosion beyond. Bratjes are now being constructed by means of which air is being forced into the channel as fast as it is possible to remove the debris.

There are three theories to the cause of the explosion. One is that in some manner powder or dust exploded; the second is that an electric wire came in contact with explosives, and the third is that the explosion was caused by poor tamping of a drill.

The mine was thoroughly inspected Friday of last week by J. F. Hatmaker, who has been inspector of the mine for eight years. He remained in the mine nearly all of Friday night. He said there was no trace of gases when he emerged.

The mine also was recently inspected by an inspector under Geo. Silvester, State mine inspector; and a representative of a casualty company, which carries insurance on the employees of the company, also is said to have reported that it was in excellent condition.

ROBBED AT HARDEEVILLE.

TWO MEN HOLD UP COAST LINE FAST PASSENGER.

Relief Train in Collision Delays Officers and Enables Bandits to Make Escape with About \$5,000.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 11.—Though officers of two States and several cities and battalion of railroad special agents have searched far and wide, they seemed no nearer to-night the solution of the mystery of the identity of the two men, one slender and the other fat, who held up Atlantic Coast Line train No. 80, northbound, near Hardeeville, S. C., early this morning and robbed it of one "jacket" of registered mail. One man was arrested at Savannah, but was quickly released. Other arrests have been made, according to local officers.

The bloodhounds that were put on the trail of the robbers following it into the country for probably a mile, then circled back to the railroad, and officers stated this probably meant that the robbers had made their escape on a later northbound train, boarding it very near the scene of the hold up and possibly while officers were searching for them but a few hundred yards away. The value of the robbers' booty is estimated at \$5,000.

The train was running in two sections because of the heavy passenger traffic.

In Sight of Station.

D. H. McRoy, the night operator in the tower at Hardeeville, states that the train reached his station in good condition and he gave it the signal to go ahead. Shortly after the train got away from his station and before it had got out of sight it stopped. He was surprised to see this, as it had no signal, to stop at that point.

Just about that time the second section of the train arrived from Savannah, and McRoy advised the crew to go ahead and find out what the trouble was with the first section. Arriving at the spot where the first section had stopped, the train crew found the utmost confusion reigning. The robbers, two in number, had forced the engineer to stop his train, and, covering the flagman and the conductor with pistols, they made the flagman open the mail car, after it had been detached from the train and run some distance. Here two mail clerks were found at work and they were made to give up two bags of registered mail. The robbers then made their escape.

As quickly as possible, Savannah was notified of the robbery and a special train, consisting of an engine and two cars, with several Coast Line officials and detectives, was en route to the scene within an hour. The special was in charge of Engineer L. E. Rawls and a conductor. The Coast Line and the Southern use the same tracks out of Savannah to Hardeeville and while en route to the scene of the robbery, the train with the detectives on board ran into a freight train of the Southern Railway.

Charles Reddy, the negro fireman, and Engineer Rawls both jumped and both escaped serious injury, although the negro was painfully hurt.

The wreck delayed the arrival of the officials and the detectives for some time, and they did not reach the scene of the robbery until several hours after it had occurred. The robbers, it is believed, boarded the train at Hardeeville, as the dispatcher thinks he saw two suspicious looking characters get aboard at that point. He thinks they got between the two front coaches and from there made their way to the tender and to the engine.

The train was in charge of Engineer J. E. Farris, of Charleston, Conductor Damon, of Florence, and Fireman Abe Williams, a negro. Engineer Farris says, in his report to the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line here, that as he was leaving Hardeeville he looked around and the two men had climbed into the cab and had him covered with revolvers. They ordered him to go ahead, and after getting just north of the switch ordered him to stop.

They made him and his fireman get down on the ground on the left side of the engine. One of them stood guard over them while the other looked after the others.

Conductor Damon went up to the engine on the right side and was shot at by one of the men and made to go to the postal car and have the postal clerks come out, the fobbers threatening to blow up the car if they did not do so.

Ed. Dozier, the colored porter, came up shortly after this and he

CALHOUN HAS SENSATION.

Prominent Men Said to be Involved in Mysterious Affair.

St. Matthews, Dec. 10.—Late this afternoon Sheriff Raat brought in Jake Amaker, colored, handcuffed, from the Ellore section and lodged him in jail. The negro had a coat cut in one place and much besprinkled with shot, which he brought from Columbia.

Investigation apparently revealed the fact that three prominent white men of Ellore and Lone Star, with this negro, went on a joy automobile ride last night to Columbia and ran into a box car at Cayces, near Columbia. At this point stories vary and conflict, but one of the white men is reported to have been shot. The general impression is that the negro is guilty of nothing more than running like a turkey. The matter has created a sensation, as the parties are well known.

SUES AGED CHINAMAN.

A Chicago Woman Claims Gong Lee Promised to Marry Her.

Anna Hooper, who came to Spokane from Chicago a month ago, has instituted an action for \$50,000 damages in the superior court of Whitman county against Gong Lee, 70 years of age, the sole Chinese resident of the city of Pullman. Breach of promise to marry the Illinois spinster is alleged. The wedding was to have taken place on November 22. Miss Hopper is not in the city, but will return in a week or 10 days.

Gong Lee has lived in Pullman about 25 years and reputed to be wealthy. He is engaged in market gardening. He denies he promised to marry the Chicagoan or any other woman. He says that Miss Hooper and Margaret Pemrose, proprietor of a hotel in Spokane, visited his shack on November 3, when the last named asked him if he wanted a good wife, saying that her companion, Miss Hopper, would marry him and make his life a happy one.

Lee asserts that he did not promise to take the woman as his wife, saying he told her in the presence of Miss Pemrose that he would not give his word until he had satisfied himself as to her character. He admitted "it was somewhat sudden." Miss Hopper told him, he said, she is well connected in Chicago and has many influential friends in that city, also throughout the northwest.—Spokane special to Baltimore American.

Finds Foe of Boll Weevil.

New Orleans, Dec. 11.—After extensive experiments, Father Albert Biever, a Jesuit scientist of this city, has announced that in his opinion the Argentine ant, a Louisiana pest which is the despair of housewives, is the South's most effective enemy of the boll weevil. It was found that the ant will destroy the young weevils and eggs, but the assault on a mature weevil is another matter. The scientist is firmly of the opinion that in time the ant will bolster up sufficient courage to attack grown up weevils, but not until he is "educated" up to it.

"I believe that these ants will finally exterminate the boll weevil," said Father Biever. "They destroy all other ants by attacking the nests and destroying the eggs. They will treat the weevil similarly."

Further experiments are to be made.

was also held up by the robbers. The engineer and the postal clerks were put on the engine and Farris was made to pull ahead a short distance with the postal car. The clerks were then made to put all the registered mail into bags. A large, stout man appeared to be the leader.

Got 55 Packages.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 12.—George Sutton, postoffice inspector in charge of the district, said that 55 registered packages were stolen by the robbers who held up the Atlantic Coast Line passenger train at Hardeeville this morning. The government has a standing reward of \$1,000 for the capture of any one who robs a mail car.

To Pursue Robbers.

Hampton, Dec. 12.—As soon as the news reached Hampton of the bold robbery on the Atlantic Coast Line fast mail Deputy Sheriff Lightsey and Sheriff Creech, of Barnwell, left in the direction the highwaymen took. Sheriff Creech took with him two bloodhounds. It is supposed the robbers boarded the train when it stopped at Hardeeville. They fled in the direction of the Southern Railroad, west from the scene of the hold up.